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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING SULFUR FROM A
HYDROCARBON FUEL



Examiner : Dah-Wei D. Yuan
Art Unit : 1745
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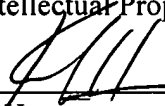
In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2003, reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-75 are pending.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, the Examiner has entered a three-way restriction requirement between claims 1-38 directed to a desulfurization unit (Group I); claims 39-55 and 64-75 directed to a process for reducing the sulfur content of a hydrocarbon fuel stream (Group II); and claims 56-63 directed to a fuel cell electric power generation system comprising a desulfurization unit (Group III). Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the Group I claims for examination at this time.

In addition, for purpose of initial examination Applicants elect species "I-1" as identified by the Examiner on page 2 of the Office Action, that is, claims 1-20.

Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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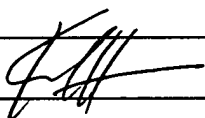
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